



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Planning
County Counsel

At its meeting held March 23, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing on proposed amendments to Title 22 - Planning and Zoning, relating to the establishment of the Castaic Area Community Standards District establishing specific development standards including protection of ridgelines and creeks in the area, establishing neighborhood parks, buffers between residential and non-residential uses, truck-tractor parking, signage regulation, and landscaping requirements necessary to maintain compatibility with existing neighborhoods and for the protection of the rural character, the unique appearance and the natural resources of the Castaic area (5); and a conditional use permit requirement ensuring land use compatibility for certain land uses that have the potential to create disturbances to nearby sensitive areas; also approval of a Negative Declaration (ND) and determination that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, or adverse effect on wildlife resources and that the ND reflects the independent judgment of the County, as further described in the attached letter dated February 10, 2004 from the Director of Planning.

Andy Malakates, representing the Department of Regional Planning was duly sworn and testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Bob Lewis, President of the Castaic Area Town Council, Darlene Inez Dominguez representing the Castaic Chamber of Commerce, Jim D'Addario, Bahram Safavi, and R. Chris Farago addressed the Board. Written correspondence was presented.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board closed the hearing and took the following actions:

1. Considered and adopted the attached Negative Declaration (ND) together with any comments received during the public review process, certified its completion, and made a finding that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed amendments will have a significant effect on the environment, and that the ND reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County;
2. Approved the recommendations of the Regional Planning Commission to create the Castaic Area Community Standards District for the unincorporated communities of the Castaic Area establishing specific development standards to protect the rural character and the natural resources of the area;
3. Determined that the Castaic Area Community Standards District is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the County General Plan, the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan and the County's Strategic Plan;
4. Made a finding that adoption of the proposed ordinance is de minimus in its effect on fish and wildlife resources and authorized the Director of Planning to complete and file a certificate of fee exemption for the project; and
5. Instructed County Counsel to prepare an ordinance for adoption reflecting the proposed amendments.

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Attachments

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
Contact, Regional Planning Commission